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| <b>Office Action Summary</b> | <b>Application No.</b><br>10/611,922 | <b>Applicant(s)</b><br>JANG ET AL. |  |
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 February 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This is in response to the applicant's communication filed on 02/22/2008, wherein:

Claims 1-37 are currently pending;

Claims 1, 12, and 25 have been amended.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 12-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Walters et.al (US Patent No. 6,914,695). Herein after is referred as Walters.

The examiner notes that applicant has recited the system in terms of how it operates. The claims have been given patentable weight by considering the claimed structure and the method recitations have been given weight only to the extent that the prior art must be capable of performing as claimed. Applicant is reminded that structure is what is claimed in system (apparatus) claims not method steps.

**Regarding claim 12**, Walters discloses a system for renting a digital camera from a lodging house having guest rooms the system comprising:

a digital camera terminal being rented to a customer, said digital camera terminal wirelessly transmitting data including at least a terminal identification number of said digital camera terminal and including image data of a digital photograph captured by the customer, said digital camera terminal including a digital camera [...*i.e when customer rents wireless digital camera to take photographs, image data is transferred to the central server, the central server through the registered camera ID which is transferred with the data from the computer's wireless receiver and stores the image under the customers account; see col. 6, lines 54-66; col. 8, lines 11-23; 64-67 and figures 3 and 4*];

an access device receiving the wirelessly transmitted data from said digital camera terminal, said access device transmitting the data received from said digital camera terminal through an intranet [see col. 7, lines 59-67; col. 8, lines 1-3 and figure 3];

a central management center being in communication with the intranet, said central management center receiving from the intranet the data transmitted by said access device including the terminal identification number and the image data [...*central server 103 or development site server 203; see col. 8, lines 11-23; lines 64-67 and figures 3 and 4*];

a management computer transmitting information to said central management center through the intranet when the customer is assigned a guest room of the lodging house, the information including the terminal identification number and a room identification number corresponding to the guest room assigned to the customer [...i.e. set up customer account by customer interface 102 and registered camera ID/terminal identification number from distribution center 104 of the central server 103; see col. 8, lines 3-23 and figures 3-4],

said central management center storing the terminal identification number and the room identification number corresponding to the guest room assigned to the customer received from said management computer [...stored the customer account in the data storage 109 of the central server 103; see col. 8, lines 11-19; and figure 3],

said central management center generating a user identification number of the customer, said central management center storing the generated user identification number to correlate the generated user identification number at least with the terminal identification number and with the room identification number and with the image data [...image data is transferred to the central server, through the registered camera ID which is transferred with the data from the computer's wireless receiver and stores the image under the customer account; see col. 11-19 and figure 3],

said central management center transmitting the image data to a user computer through the Internet in response to a request for the digital photograph, the request for the digital photograph being from the customer and through the Internet [... data can be

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*transmitted to customer website upon their request; see col. 8, lines 39-43; col. 9, lines 14-17; see figures 3 and 4]; and*

an editor unit being connected to said central management center, said editor unit editing the digital photograph stored in said central management center, the editing being controlled by the customer through the intranet using a personal computer, laptop or other processor based device or the Intranet using the Internet TV [...Walters discloses the editor unit for editing the digital photograph and is controlled by the customer through the intranet using a processor based device,, *i.e. users can able to write or enter information at the camera interface at the time the picture is taken* (col. 11; lines 39-67). *A digital camera (104) is a processor based device that is connected to the central server (103); (figure 3, col. 7, lines 49-67; col. 8, lines 1-38)].*

**Regarding claim 13**, Walters discloses further comprising a plurality of additional access devices being installed at the lodging house and at an amusement park affiliated with the lodging house [...*i.e. wireless network between the customers room where a first computer is provide and the wireless network at the digital camera usage area such as amusement park*; see col. 7, lines 59-67; col. 8, lines 1-3; lines 33-37; col. 12, lines 32-36 and figures 1, 2, 6 and 7].

**Regarding claim 14**, Walters discloses further comprising a plurality of additional access devices being installed at the lodging house and at a region affiliated with the lodging house [...*i.e. wireless network between the customers room where a*

*first computer is provide and the customer digital camera usage area; see col. 7, lines 59-67; col. 8, lines 1-3; lines 33-37; and figures 1, 2, 6 and 7].*

**Regarding claim 15**, Walters discloses the information transmitted by said management computer to said central management center including other data corresponding to the customer, said central management center storing the other data corresponding to the customer received from said management computer, said central management center storing the generated user identification number to correlate at least the generated user identification number with the other data corresponding to the customer [...i.e. *image data is transferred to the central server, the central server through the registered camera ID which is transferred with the data from the computer's wireless receiver and stores the image under the customers account*; see col. 8, lines 11-23; 64-67 and figures 3 and 4].

**Regarding claim 16**, Walters discloses further comprising a commerce unit being connected to said central management center, said commerce unit combining details of the other data corresponding to the customer with details of a request for a souvenir, the request for the souvenir being from the customer and through the intranet, the souvenir incorporating the image data, said commerce unit transmitting the combined details to an order processing system of a souvenir manufacturer corresponding to a product category of the souvenir [...*central server is connected to development lab where an album or digital album on a CD is developed; these image data/souvenir can be displayed on the customer interface in order for advertising from Intranet*; see col. 8, lines 39-51; col. 9, lines 3-17 and figures 3 and 4].

**Regarding claim 17**, Walters discloses further comprising a commerce unit being connected to said central management center, said commerce unit combining a name and address of the customer stored in said central management center with details of a request for a souvenir, the request for the souvenir being from the customer and through the intranet, the souvenir incorporating selected image data, said commerce unit transmitting the combined details to an order processing system of a souvenir manufacturer corresponding to a product category of the souvenir [...*central server is connected to development lab where an album or digital album on a CD is developed; these image data/souvenir can be displayed on the customer interface in order for advertising from Intranet; see col. 8, lines 39-51; col. 9, lines 3-17 and figures 3 and 4*].

**Regarding claim 18**, Walters discloses the selected image data incorporated by the souvenir being selected by the customer from the image data stored by said central management center [...*album of selected photos/souvenir will be given; see col. 6, lines 62-65; col. 8, lines 39-43*].

**Regarding claim 19**, Walters discloses said central management center receiving details on usage of products and services of the customer from said management computer through the intranet, said central management center storing the usage details to correlate the usage details with the user identification number, said central management center transmitting the usage details to said management computer through the intranet in response to a request received from said management computer through the intranet when the customer checks out of the lodging house, said



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management computer receiving and outputting the usage details [... *image data is transferred to the central server, the central server through the registered camera ID which is transferred with the data from the computer's wireless receiver and stores the image under the customers account; image will be transmitted to the development lab where an album or digital album is developed for customer; see col. 8, lines 11-23; lines 39-51; figures 3 and 4*].

**Regarding claim 20**, Walters discloses the usage details including at least one selected from among details on usage of products and services at the lodging house, details on usage of products and services at the amusement park affiliated with the lodging house, details on the digital camera terminal, and details on the request for the souvenir [...*i.e. details on request for souvenir such as a hard copy of pictures or digital image data or website host; see col. 8, lines 60-63; col. 9, lines 6-17*].

**Regarding claim 21**, Walters discloses central management center receiving details on usage of products and services of the customer from said management computer through the intranet, said central management center storing the usage details to correlate the usage details with the user identification number, said central management center transmitting the usage details to said management computer through the intranet in response to a request received from said management computer through the intranet when the customer checks out of the lodging house, said management computer receiving and outputting the usage details [... *image data is transferred to the central server, the central server through the registered camera ID which is transferred with the data from the computer's wireless receiver and stores the*

*image under the customers account; image will be transmitted to the development lab where an album or digital album is developed for customer; see col. 8, lines 11-23; lines 39-51; figures 3 and 4].*

**Regarding claim 22,** Walters discloses the usage details including at least one selected from among details on usage of products and services at the lodging house, details on usage of products and services at the amusement park affiliated with the lodging house, details on the digital camera terminal, and details on the request for the souvenir [...i.e. *example details on request for souvenir such as a hard copy of pictures or digital image data or website host; see col. 8, lines 60-63; col. 9, lines 6-17].*

**Regarding claim 23,** Walters discloses the information transmitted by said management computer to said central management center including other data corresponding to the customer, said central management center storing the other data corresponding to the customer received from said management computer, said central management center storing the generated user identification number to correlate at least the generated user identification number with the other data corresponding to the customer [...i.e. *image data is transferred to the central server, the central server through the registered camera ID which is transferred with the data from the computer's wireless receiver and stores the image under the customers account; see col. 8, lines 11-23; 64-67 and figures 3 and 4].*

**Regarding claim 24,** Walters discloses further comprising a commerce unit being connected to said central management center, said commerce unit combining

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details of the other data corresponding to the customer with details of a request for a souvenir, the request for the souvenir being from the customer and through the intranet, the souvenir incorporating the image data, said commerce unit transmitting the combined details to an order processing system of a souvenir manufacturer corresponding to a product category of the souvenir [...*central server is connected to development lab where an album or digital album on a CD is developed; these image data/souvenir can be displayed on the customer interface in order for advertising from Intranet*; see col. 8, lines 39-51; col. 9, lines 3-17 and figures 3 and 4].

**Regarding claim 25**, Walters discloses a method for renting a digital camera from a lodging house having guest rooms, the method comprising:

renting a digital camera terminal to a customer, said digital camera terminal having a terminal identification number; capturing a digital photograph with said digital camera terminal [...*i.e. customer rents the wireless digital camera to take photo graph; the image data will be transmitted to the server and store in the customer account based o registered camera ID*; see col. 6, lines 62-66; col. 8, lines 11-23 and figure 3];

wirelessly transmitting data including at least the terminal identification number and image data of the digital photograph [see col. 8, lines 11-23; lines 33-37 and figure 3];

receiving the wirelessly transmitted data at an access device [see col. 8, lines 11-23; lines 33-37 and figure 3]

transmitting the data from said access device through an intranet [see col. 8, lines 1-10; lines 33-37 and figure 3];

receiving from the intranet the data transmitted by said access device including the terminal identification number and the image data, said receiving of the data transmitted by said access device being performed by a central management center [see col. 8, lines 11-23 and figure 3];

transmitting information from a management computer to said central management center through the intranet when the customer is assigned a guest room of a lodging house, the information including the terminal identification number and a room identification number corresponding to the guest room [...i.e. set up customer account such as assigning the room by customer interface 102 and registered camera ID/terminal identification number from distribution center 104 of the central server; see col. 8, lines 3-19 and figure 3];

storing the terminal identification number and the room identification number corresponding to the guest room received from said management computer [data storage 109 stores customer account; see col. 8, lines 11-14 and figure 3];

generating a user identification number of the customer [...i.e. customer account and registered camera ID; see col. 8, lines 11-19]; and

storing the generated user identification number to correlate the generated user identification number at least with the terminal identification number and with the room

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identification number and with the image data [...data storage 109 stores customer account and image data; see col. 8, lines 11-14; lines 39-40 and figure 3]; and

editing the digital photograph using an editor unit connected to said central management computer, said editor unit editing the digital photograph stored in said central management computer, the editing being controlled by a customer through the Internet using a personal computer, laptop or other processor based device or the Intranet using an Internet TV [...Walters discloses the editor unit for editing the digital photograph and is controlled by the customer through the intranet using a processor based device,, *i.e. users can able to write or enter information at the camera interface at the time the picture is taken* (col. 11; lines 39-67). *A digital camera (104) is a processor based device that is connected to the central server (103);* (figure 3, col. 7, lines 49-67; col. 8, lines 1- 38)]. .

**Regarding claim 26**, Walters discloses further comprising installing a plurality of additional access devices at the lodging house and at a region affiliated with the lodging house [...*for example wireless network between the customers room where a first computer is provide and the wireless network at the digital camera usage area*; see col. 7, lines 59-67; col. 8, lines 1-3; lines 33-37; figures 1, 2, 6 and 7].

**Regarding claim 27**, Walters discloses the region corresponding to an amusement park [see col. 12, lines 31-36].

**Regarding claim 28**, Walters discloses further comprising:

transmitting the image data to a user computer through the Internet in response to a request for the digital photograph, the request for the digital photograph being from the customer and through the Internet [...i.e. these image can be displayed on the customer interface in order for advertising from the CD on the Internet or customer request to upload the pictures on their website; see col. 8, lines 48-50; col. 9, lines 3-17 and figures 3 and 4]; and

editing the digital photograph stored in said central management center, said editing being controlled by the customer through the Internet [...i.e. images are available on the web pages for client; users can able to write or enter information at the camera interface; see col. 11; lines 39-67 and figure 3];

**Regarding claim 29**, Walters discloses further comprising installing a plurality of additional access devices at the lodging house and at a region affiliated with the lodging house [...i.e. wireless network between the customers room where a first computer is provide and the wireless network at the digital camera usage area; see col. 7, lines 59-67; col. 8, lines 1-3; lines 33-37; figures 1, 2, 6 and 7];

**Regarding claim 30**, Walters discloses the region corresponding to an amusement park [see col. 12, lines 31-36].

**Regarding claim 31**, Walters discloses further comprising:

transmitting the image data to the guest room through the intranet in response to a request for the digital photograph, the request for the digital photograph being from

the customer and through the intranet; [...these image can be displayed on the customer interface in order for advertising from the intranet or customer request to upload the pictures on their website; see col. 8, lines 48-50; col. 9, lines 3-17 and figures 3 and 4]; and

editing the digital photograph stored in said central management center, said editing being controlled by the customer through the intranet [...images are available on the web pages for client; users can able to write or enter information at the camera interface; see col. 11; lines 39-67].

**Regarding claim 32**, Walters discloses further comprising installing a plurality of additional access devices at the lodging house and at a region affiliated with the lodging house [...for example wireless network between the customers room where a first computer is provide and the customer digital camera usage area; see col. 7, lines 59-67; col. 8, lines 1-3; lines 33-37; and figures 1, 2, 6 and 7].

**Regarding claim 33**, Walters discloses the region corresponding to an amusement park [see col. 12, lines 31-36].

**Regarding claim 34**, Walters discloses further comprising:

combining a name and address of the customer stored in said central management center with details of a request for a souvenir, the request for the souvenir being from the customer and through the intranet, the souvenir incorporating selected image data [...customer account is stored at central server; image data/souvenir can be

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*displayed on the customer interface in order for advertising from Intranet; see col. 8, lines 39-51; col. 9, lines 3-17 and figures 3 and 4]; and*

transmitting the combined details to an order processing system of a souvenir manufacturer corresponding to a product category of the souvenir [see col. 8, lines 39-51; col. 9, lines 3-17 and figures 3 and 4].

**Regarding claim 35**, Walters discloses the selected image data incorporated by the souvenir being selected by the customer from the image data stored by said central management center [...album of selected photos/souvenir will be given; see col. 6, lines 62-65; col. 8, lines 39-43].

**Regarding claim 36**, Walters discloses further comprising:

receiving details on usage of products and services of the customer from said management computer through the intranet [...customer access their photos on an intranet site; see col. 8, lines 17-23];

storing the usage details to correlate the usage details with the user identification number [...stored the image data in the storage 109 and 207; see col. 8, lines 11-19; col. 9, lines 14-23; figures 3 and 4]; and

transmitting the usage details to said management computer through the intranet in response to a request received from said management computer through the intranet when the customer checks out of the lodging house [... image data is transferred to the central server, the central server through the registered camera ID which is transferred



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*with the data from the computer's wireless receiver and stores the image under the customers account; image will be transmitted to the development lab where an album or digital album is developed for customer; see col. 8, lines 11-23; lines 39-51; figures 3 and 4].*

**Regarding claim 37**, Walters discloses the usage details including at least one selected from among details on usage of products and services at the lodging house, details on usage of products and services at the amusement park affiliated with the lodging house, details on the digital camera terminal, and details on the request for the souvenir [...i.e. details on request for souvenir such as a hard copy of pictures or digital image data or website host; see col. 8, lines 60-63; col. 9, lines 6-17].

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

**4.** The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

**5.** Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Walters in view of McIntyre (US Paten No. 7,111,317).

The examiner notes that applicant has recited the system in terms of how it operates. The claims have been given patentable weight by considering the claimed

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structure and the method recitations have been given weight only to the extent that the prior art must be capable of performing as claimed. Applicant is reminded that structure is what is claimed in system (apparatus) claims not method steps.

**Regarding claim 1**, Walters discloses a system for renting a digital camera from a lodging house having guest rooms, the system comprising:

a digital camera terminal being rented to a customer, said digital camera terminal wirelessly transmitting data including at least a terminal identification number of said digital camera terminal and including image data of a digital photograph captured by the customer, said digital camera terminal including a digital camera [...i.e. when customer rents wireless digital camera to take photographs, image data is transferred to the central server, the central server through the registered camera ID which is transferred with the data from the computer's wireless receiver and stores the image under the customers account; see col. 6, lines 54-66; col. 8, lines 11-23; 64-67 and figures 3 and 4];

an access device receiving the wirelessly transmitted data from said digital camera terminal, said access device transmitting the data received from said digital camera terminal through an intranet [see col. 7, lines 59-67; col. 8, lines 1-3 and figure 3];

a central management center being in communication with the intranet, said central management center receiving from the intranet the data transmitted by said access device including the terminal identification number and the image data [...central

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server 103 or development site server 203; see col. 8, lines 11-23; lines 64-67 and figures 3 and 4];

an Internet television being connected to the intranet, said Internet television being installed at a guest room of a lodging house, said Internet television providing an Internet protocol network access to the customer [...*customers room where computer is provided*; see col. 7, lines 59-67; col. 8, lines 1-7];

a management computer transmitting information to said central management center through the intranet when the customer is assigned the guest room of the lodging house, the information including the terminal identification number and a room identification number corresponding to the guest room assigned to the customer [...*for example set up customer account by customer interface 102 and registered camera ID/terminal identification number from distribution center 104 of the central server 103*; see col. 8, lines 3-23 and figures 3-4],

said central management center storing the terminal identification number and the room identification number corresponding to the guest room assigned to the customer received from said management computer [...*stored the customer account in the data storage 109 of the central server 103*; see col. 8, lines 11-19; and figure 3],

said central management center generating a user identification number of the customer, said central management center storing the generated user identification number to correlate the generated user identification number at least with the terminal identification number and with the room identification number and with the image data

*[...image data is transferred to the central server, through the registered camera ID which is transferred with the data from the computer's wireless receiver and stores the image under the customer account; see col. 11-19 and figure 3],*

said central management center transmitting the image data to said Internet television through the intranet in response to a request for the digital photograph, the request for the digital photograph being from the customer and through the intranet *[... data can be transmitted to customer website upon their request; see col. 8, lines 39-43; col. 9, lines 14-17; see figures 3 and 4]; and*

an editor unit being connected to said central management center, said editor unit editing the digital photograph stored in said central management center, the editing being controlled by the customer through the intranet using the Internet TV or Internet using a personal computer, laptop or other processor based device *[...Walters discloses the editor unit for editing the digital photograph and is controlled by the customer through the intranet using a processor based device,, i.e. users can able to write or enter information at the camera interface at the time the picture is taken (col. 11; lines 39-67). A digital camera (104) is a processor based device that is connected to the central server (103); (figure 3, col. 7, lines 49-67; col. 8, lines 1- 38)]*.

However, Walters does not disclose a set-top box providing a connection between said Internet television and the intranet.

McIntyre discloses a set-top box providing a connection between said Internet television and the intranet [...Digital image is inputted into cable box 914 which is hooked to television; see col. 22, lines 51-63 and figure 12].

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the method of teaching of Walters about transmitting digital image through wireless network to include inputting the digital image using the set top box which is hooked to television in view of the teaching to McIntyre. One would have been motivated to make such a combination in order to provide such a better wireless digital camera rental system that enable visual memories of the customers during their vacation, tours, or cruises etc.

**Regarding claim 2**, Walters discloses said central management center performing the generating of the user identification number of the customer in dependence upon the information transmitted from said management computer to said central management center [see col. 8, lines 11-23].

**Regarding claim 3**, Walters discloses further comprising a plurality of additional access devices being installed at the lodging house and at a region affiliated with the lodging house [...for example wireless network between the customers room where a first computer is provide and the wireless network at the digital camera usage area such as amusement park; see col. 7, lines 59-67; col. 8, lines 1-3; lines 33-37; col. 12, lines 32-36 and figures 1, 2, 6 and 7].

**Regarding claim 4**, Walters discloses the region corresponding to an amusement park [see col.12, lines 31-36].

**Regarding claim 5**, Walters discloses the information transmitted by said management computer to said central management center including other data corresponding to the customer, said central management center storing the other data corresponding to the customer received from said management computer, said central management center storing the generated user identification number to correlate at least the generated user identification number with the other data corresponding to the customer [...i.e. image data is transferred to the central server, the central server through the registered camera ID which is transferred with the data from the computer's wireless receiver and stores the image under the customers account; see col. 8, lines 11-23; 64-67 and figures 3 and 4].

**Regarding claim 6**, Walters discloses further comprising a commerce unit being connected to said central management center, said commerce unit combining details of the other data corresponding to the customer with details of a request for a souvenir, the request for the souvenir being from the customer and through the intranet, the souvenir incorporating the image data, said commerce unit transmitting the combined details to an order processing system of a souvenir manufacturer corresponding to a product category of the souvenir [...i.e. central server is connected to development lab where an album or digital album on a CD is developed; these image data/souvenir can be displayed on the customer interface in order for advertising from Intranet; see col. 8, lines 39-51; col. 9, lines 3-17 and figures 3 and 4].

**Regarding claim 7**, Walters discloses further comprising a commerce unit being connected to said central management center, said commerce unit combining a name and address of the customer stored in said central management center with details of a request for a souvenir, the request for the souvenir being from the customer and through the intranet, the souvenir incorporating selected image data, said commerce unit transmitting the combined details to an order processing system of a souvenir manufacturer corresponding to a product category of the souvenir [*...i.e. central server is connected to development lab where an album or digital album on a CD is developed; these image data/souvenir can be displayed on the customer interface in order for advertising from Intranet; see col. 8, lines 39-51; col. 9, lines 3-17 and figures 3 and 4*].

**Regarding claim 8**, Walters discloses the selected image data incorporated by the souvenir being selected by the customer from the image data stored by said central management center [*...album of selected photos/souvenir will be given; see col. 6, lines 62-65; col. 8, lines 39-43*].

**Regarding claim 9**, Walters discloses central management center receiving details on usage of products and services of the customer from said management computer through the intranet, said central management center storing the usage details to correlate the usage details with the user identification number, said central management center transmitting the usage details to said management computer through the intranet in response to a request received from said management computer through the intranet when the customer checks out of the lodging house, said management computer receiving and outputting the usage details [*... i.e. image data is*

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*transferred to the central server, the central server through the registered camera ID which is transferred with the data from the computer's wireless receiver and stores the image under the customers account; image will be transmitted to the development lab where an album or digital album is developed for customer; see col. 8, lines 11-23; lines 39-51; figures 3 and 4].*

**Regarding claim 10**, Walters discloses further comprising a plurality of additional access devices being installed at the lodging house and at an amusement park affiliated with the lodging house [*...for example wireless network between the customers room where a first computer is provide and the wireless network at the digital camera usage area; see col. 7, lines 59-67; col. 8, lines 1-3; lines 33-37; figures 1, 2, 6 and 7].*

**Regarding claim 11**, Walters discloses the usage details including at least one selected from among details on usage of products and services at the lodging house, details on usage of products and services at the amusement park affiliated with the lodging house, details on the digital camera terminal, and details on the request for the souvenir [*...example details on request for souvenir such as a hard copy of pictures or digital image data or website host; see col. 8, lines 60-63; col. 9, lines 6-17].*



***Response to Arguments***

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-37 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Regarding claim 1, 12, and 25, Walters discloses the editor unit which allows customer to edit the photograph from the camera interface as can be seen in figure 3, col. 11, lines 39-67. Walters further shows the editing unit is controlled by the customer through the intranet by at least another processor and based device, i.e. the digital camera (figure 3, col. 7, lines 49-67; col. 8, lines 1- 38). On page 17 of the remark, applicant even admitted that Walters does, indeed, disclose the editor is part of the camera, which is interpreted broadly, yet reasonable as a processor based device;

In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., *the present inventions allows the customer to edit his photographs anytime and anywhere and even after the digital camera has been returned to the hotel or theme park*) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

***Conclusion***

**7. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy-Vi Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-270-1614. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 A.M to 6:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on 571-272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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